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SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS

1. ATMOSPHERICS:

-- PRC PILOT DEFECTION AND PRESIDENT YEN'S STATE VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA TEMPORARILY SHIFTED FOCUS OF PUBLIC ATTENTION AND CREATED BRIEF EUPHORIC MOOD DURING PAST WEEK. CONCOMITANTLY, APPARENTLY RESULTED IN RE-IGNITING IN PRESS USUALLY SMOLDERING THEME OF RETURN TO MAINLAND, AND PRESS AND PRIVATE COMMENTS ACQUIRED HARD EDGE TOWARD U.S.

PILOT FAN'S DEFECTION PROVIDED GRIST FOR SEVERAL MILLS:

1) HIS REPORTED ARRIVAL STATEMENT THAT HE DEFECTED BECAUSE THERE ARE NO HUMAN RIGHTS ON MAINLAND FED ALREADY LIVELY PUBLIC DISCUSSION HERE THAT U.S. NORMALIZATION POLICY CONFLICTS WITH CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. 2) IDEA RAISED IN FAN PRESS CONFERENCE THAT HE MIGHT ASK SECRETARY VANCE TO INTERCEDE FOR HIM DURING PEKING VISIT TO ALLOW HIS FAMILY COME TO TAIWAN GAVE PRESS OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE MORE HUMAN
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RIGHTS POINTS AND DRAW COMPARISONS WITH CARTER ADMINISTRATION CONCERN FOR SOVIET DISSIDENTS AND CARTER'S CRITICISM OF FORD FOR NOT ACCEPTING SOLZHENITSYN LETTER. TYPICAL WAS JULY 12 CHINA TIMES EDITORIAL WHICH ADVOCATED MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR FAN VISIT U.S. "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE" AND SAID HOW CARTER AND VANCE REACT TO FAN'S REQUEST TO RESCUE FAMILY "WILL BE TEST TO HUMAN RIGHTS DIPLOMACY AND MORAL

PRINCIPLE OF CARTER ADMINISTRATION". SAME PAPER SAME DAY
CARRIED TAIPEI AFP STORY THAT FAN TOLD REPORTER HE DOUBTED
U.S. WOULD RESPOND TO HIS REQUEST BECAUSE USG "IS NOW TRYING
TO COLLABORATE WITH PRC." 3) PAPERS REPORTED "COLD"
OFFICIAL U.S. REACTION OF NO COMMENTSBN DEFECTION WHILE GIVING
EXTENSIVE PLAY TO POSITIVE COMMENTS FROM OTHER MEMBERS
DIPLOMATIC CORPS HERE, FROM LOCAL AMERICAN CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE MEMBERS AND FROM MEDIA OF OTHER COUNTRIES.
4) SEVERAL CARTOONS CONTRASTED MIG FLYING OUT OF "IRON
CURTAIN" WITH VANCE GOING IN. IN REFOCUSING ATTENTION
ON U.S. POLICY DELIBERATIONS, CONTROL YUAN, JULY 12,
ADOPTED RESOLUTION TO SEND LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER
ADVISING AGAINST MAKING "HISTORIC BLUNDER" DURING VANCE
PEKING VISIT, AND ALSO NOTING THAT VANCE ASIA SOCIETY SPEECH
"SERIOUSLY DAMAGED" ROC RIGHTS AND INTERESTS. INDEPENDENCE
EVENING NEWS. JULY 10 REPORTED LEGISLATIVE YUAN DISAGREEMENT,
WHICH LATER VERIFIED BY SEVERAL LEGISLATIVE YUAN MEMBERS IN
CONVERSATION, OVER PHRASING JULY 5 PROTEST TO U.S. OVER
VANCE SPEECH. PAPER SAID OPINION DIVIDED INTO FOUR CATEGORIES:
ONE WAS EMOTIONAL WITH "UNPRECEDENTED" WORDS WHICH "EVEN
SUGGESTED" ROC NEED NO LONGER VALUE FRIENDSHIP WITH U.S. AND
"MIGHT ASK U.S. EMBASSY IN ROC TO CLOSE DOWN." SECOND
SUGGESTED TELLING U.S. IF IT DOES NOT ATTACH IMPORTANCE
TO ALLIANCE AND TREATY WITH ROC THEN GROC WOULD BE URGED TO
CONSIDER CHANGING ITS POLICY TOWARD U.S. THIRD SAID ROC
SHOULD BLAME CERTAIN "LEFTISTS" IN U.S. GOVERNMENT AND GROUP
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OF BUREAUCRATS IN DOS. AND FOURTH, WHICH ADOPTED, STRESSED
NEED TO EXPLAIN TO CARTER CONSEQUENCES TO FREE WORLD WHICH
WOULD COME FROM ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PRC.

EXTENSIVE COVERAGE GIVEN PREMIER CHIANG'S REMARKS
JULY 7 COMMEMORATING START OF SINO-JAPANESE WAR AND GIVING
FULL SUPPORT TO RECENT FOREIGN MINISTER STATEMENT TAKING
"EXCEPTION" TO VANCE SPEECH. OTHER HEADLINES GIVEN TO AMERICAN
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE JULY 9 PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENT URGING
CARTER ADMINISTRATION TO PROCEED "DELIBERATELY" AND ENSURE SAFETY
OF TAIWAN, AND TO STATEMENTS SUPPORTING ROC BY OTHER AMERICAN
GROUPS SUCH AS LOCAL VFW, AMERICAN LEGION. WIDEST NEWS
AND FAVORABLE EDITORIAL COVERAGE GIVEN TO WHITE HOUSE DENIAL
JULY 8 OF BOSTON GLOBE STORY THAT CHINA POLICY DECISION ALREADY
TAKEN.

2. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

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